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RESERVATION.

Quarterly meeting at Mt. Pleasant last Saturday and Sunday, Elder George conducted the service.

Mr. McCloud has moved to Dodge as he has business to look after there.

N. O. Peacock has quite a large countenance this week, caused by the mumps.

Henry Wood is at home now for a few days as there is not much work in the ice business at present. Mr. Wood is in the employ of the Dodge City ice company.

Mr. Cobb is taking some very fine pictures of the schools throughout this part of the country.

The passed week or two has been so spring like that the farmers have already commenced plowing, while Mr. Prather and others have sown their oats, still others intend to sow, but think it plenty early yet.

Mr. Cord will move back to his claim this week.

Miss Pearl Bashaw gave a birthday party to the young folks, the evening of Feb. 31. Owing to the disagreeable evening there were not many present. We wish Miss Pearl many happy returns.

L. A. Meairs and wife have moved to their lofty mansion on the claim. We wish the newly married couple success.

The election of one week ago last Tuesday for the purpose of electing officers of the new township, which mostly comprises the Reservation, resulted as follows: E. M. Wilkinson, for Trustee; W. M. Hunt, Treasurer; J. H. Brady, Clerk; Frank Wiseman, Justice of the Peace; W. A. Merrill and Levi Sells, Constables; Winn Maltby, Road Overseer.

The literary held at the Saw Log Valley school house Monday evening was a success, a large crowd was entertained.

Mr. Mullendore has leased the stone quarry, known as the west Booth quarry. Persons wanting rock will find it to their interest to call on him.

Sunday School at the Saw Log Valley school house is progressing nicely with an average attendance of 25.

Mr. Leo Wiseman is still visiting at his father's Mr. Wiseman, he is a jolly good fellow and he will be missed in the Valley.

Mr. Kennedy has his new stone house almost completed.

The party held at Mr. Wiseman's Friday evening was splendid. Supper was served at 12, and everybody enjoyed themselves until 5 o'clock in the morning when they returned to their homes. It was a night that will be long remembered by those present.

Mr. Mullendore is hauling rock to Dodge City.

Mr. Wiseman is hauling rock to the college.

Miss Luella Booth has been visiting at Mr. Crillans for some time.

Frank Mullendore has been at Twin Hill for some time digging a well for Mr. Currey, but is back to the Valley again.

Our school at the Saw Log Valley school house is progressing nicely with Mr. Harvey as teacher. He has 36 scholars enrolled.

Mr. Cookingham was out to his claim last Monday, and attended the literary Monday evening, and the election Tuesday.

There will be a valentine supper at the Saw Log Valley school house, the night of the 13. There will be a short literary program before supper, also a valentine P. O. will be established after literary exercises.

The rain last week revived the spirits of most of the farmers in this vicinity. There are some tender foots yet that wish to sell their claims. Our advice is, hold your claims; the rain will come. Country Critics.

PLANT TREES.

Now is the time to lay plans, and arrange to plant trees, and there is nothing that we can do so beautify the home, the city, and the country in general, as easy and cheap. Plant them around the houses, barns, along the hedge rows, and drive ways about the farm, and along the streets in the towns and cities. Make home attractive, and in fact the whole country beautiful, and at the same time the planter will be rewarded handsomely in dollars and cents for the capital and labor expended. I want to call special attention to the planting of trees around the country school houses. A large number of Ford county is now well provided with excellent school buildings, nearly all well

furnished, for which her people may well feel proud. Now I would urge the various school boards in the county to take the necessary steps to ornament the grounds with living monuments, that will not only beautify, but make glad the hearts of the children who will play under them in years to come. You will say we cannot do it because we have no means at our command, and there is no appropriation made for that purpose, and the care and protection of the trees would be a continual expense and after all that the children would destroy them and it is useless to begin.

These objections seem reasonable and logical, and no doubt is the reason why there are so few trees planted around country school houses, but notwithstanding the above obstacles there is a plan that I think can be made successful and practicable, and within the reach of every school district in the county. Let the various school boards take the lead and commence at once to talk about planting trees around the school houses, and at the proper time call a meeting inviting and urging every man, woman and child to take part, and meet at the school house on Arbor Day at say, 9 o'clock sharp. Let a suitable number that can, bring plows and all that can, bring spades and shovels to do the planting, and let the ladies bring dinner. Baskets well filled, and every one bring all the young trees and cuttings they can, donating them and devote the day to the work of planting, and having a good social time, which is also needed in every neighborhood. Let every boy and girl bring a tree, or more if they can. Give them a special invitation, and let them each own a tree, whether they bring it or not, let them name it for themselves, and help do all they can about the planting. The ladies will be needed, with their superior tastes to arrange neat and tasty groups, or rows of trees about the house, and arrange the dinner, and otherwise make the occasion cheerful and enjoyable.

By the plan suggested you have but little expense, none so far, to the district, and the children will be partners with you, and will try to protect, rather than destroy.

If school is in session during summer the scholars would be glad to hoe about the trees to keep the weeds down. But better still let the men haul a few loads of mulching, and place about the trees, this will solve the problem of cultivation. In some districts the grounds would have to be fenced, this could be done very cheaply by placing the posts thirty-two feet apart, and using 2 barbed wires, which the school board could have done and pay for it out of the incidental funds of the district. The following kinds of trees are easily grown and are cheap: black locust, catalpa, white ash, Russian mulberry, box elder, cottonwood, and Lombardy poplar, the two latter grow well from cuttings. I have tried all the above kinds and know that they grow well. I would plant of the cottonwood and Lombardy poplar, for the reason that they grow faster than any other varieties, and give shade and protection from wind so much sooner.

Begin talking about it now and all get ready, then when Arbor Day is announced all will be ready, and will only need to be notified by the school board when to go. We intend to try it in our district this spring, and expect to make it a grand success. Try it, let us make Ford county the banner county in Western Kansas, for the beautifying of school house grounds. It would have a wholesome effect in society, will command the respect of passers by, and will invite the best class of citizens to locate in our midst. By so doing we will erect living monuments to our memories, for which children yet unborn will rise up and call us blessed. John Goodwine.

WHITMAN WHISPERS.

D. W. Chase died at his home in Ford county, on the morning of Feb. 2nd, of paralysis, aged nearly sixty-six years.

Mrs. A. A. Demsey, of Cheney, Kan., and her sister, Ella Bagley are here to attend the funeral of their father.

As seed time approaches, will not some one suggest a plan by which the farmers can get seed to plant and sow, which many of us are not able to buy. Pearl Yeagain is on the sick list this week.

Why not boom the farming part of the county as well as Dodge City? [A good suggestion Mr. Granger, and just

what the TIMES proposes to do in the special edition which will be out the latter part of this month.—Ed.] What has become of our sugar factory; was it all for speculative purposes?

H. A. Chase bought two ponies last week, and will farm this year.

Anyone wanting to trade some good cows, and pay part cash for 80 acres of good land well improved, can find the same by addressing postmaster at Whitman Kansas.

GRANGER

CONCORD.

Most of our farmers are busy plowing this week.

Mr. Sugg's pump gave out this week and he had to haul water.

Mr. Ulum gave a dance at his residence last Friday night which was quite an enjoyable affair.

J. Reckmen met with a severe accident last Sunday night, his horse fell on his leg causing him to be quite lame for a few days.

T. M. Green bought a three year old horse last week from down near the river.

Mrs. J. T. Melvin rode out a horse back from Dodge City to visit Mrs. Stauffer last Tuesday.

Little Maud Irand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reckmen, was quite sick with a cold last Sunday night.

Levi Monteith had a severe cold this week.

S. Buck came from Texas to settle up his business and move to Texas.

C. D. Hand got lost last Wednesday eve as he was going to the basket supper at Pleasant Hill.

L. B. Stauffer bought a plow Friday.

S. Burrell bought a new stirring plow also a new set of harness.

Mr. Rickman planted corn Friday February 3d.

TWIN HILL LYCEUM.

Feb. 1st, 1888.

The 18th regular meeting of the Twin Hill Literary Society commenced at 7:30 p. m. The house was called to order by the president, A. U. Hanna, and after the opening exercises, H. L. Harvey was appointed critic for the evening. The audience numbering about one hundred, listened attentively to the following programme:

Selection, Coasting—Chas. Workman.

Recitation—Thomas Hanna.

Declamation, What lack we yet?—Hugh Bradley.

Song, Rock me to sleep—by the Misses Pettillon.

Declamation, Which loved best—Etta Pettillon.

Tableau, entitled "The country and city beaux"—Miss Belle Pettillon.

Selection, The model husband—Lillie Hanna.

Recitation, "The Fall"—J. H. Bradley.

Selection, The Christmas Party—Mrs. Urvine.

Selection, "The Two Roads"—A. U. Hanna and others.

Selection—Miss Franc Pettillon.

Song, "The Spanish Cavalier"—R. N. Ames.

A farce, entitled "A very bad case of poisoning"—W. A. Merrill and others.

Recess.

Song—Etta and Ellen Nortman.

Tableau, entitled "Woman's Rights"—by the boys.

Sermon—Lemuel Pague.

Dialogue, "A Dakota farmer's wife to her husband."

Next in order was the debate. The question, "Resolved, that the Oklahoma country should be opened to settlement," was ably discussed, and decided in favor of the affirmative. Next came the critic's report, which proved very interesting to all. After reporting the programme for the next meeting, the society adjourned, and the people returned to their homes feeling that Twin Hill has one of the best literatures anywhere.

SANCHO PANGA.

MT. PLEASANT ITEMS.

Farmers are getting ready for spring plowing; they are eager to get in the field; the only drawback with them being how to get seed.

J. W. Hopkinson has returned from New Mexico, and is enjoying good health.

Mr. Hunt, of Wright, is adding to his stock of groceries; we wish him success.

We are glad to hear of many "old timers" coming back to their claims.

[The remainder of this letter is taken up with the writer's views on the school teacher question, and as it is not signed, we must decline to publish it, and we shall not publish anything more from any source on that subject. It slipped in, in communications which were not examined by the editor until they came out in the paper, or the matter would have been excluded entirely. It has very much the appearance of a neighborhood quarrel, to which we have already devoted too much space.—Ed.]

WILBOARDS ITEMS.

Editor Times:

You extend such a cordial invitation to those who wish to give the news of their neighborhood that we will run the risk of escaping the waste-basket. For the benefit of those who do not know, we will say Wilboards is a station on the bob-tailed railroad that runs into Dodge (as some one pleases to call it). It is about midway between Dodge and Ford.

Mr. Wan. Rhodes seems to make good use of the palace car quite often.

Mr. C. Fike, one of our most promising farmers, is a good example for the discouraged grangers if there are any. He has come to stay he says, and we are very glad to hear it. He raised no grain last year, but has plenty of fodder and millet, and is going to put in lots of grain this year if he can get it.

Mr. Herndon is making use of the fine weather by breaking his herd of mules. He ought to have some help in the way of seed, as he is a good farmer, has plenty of land broke and good mules; but like all the rest of the grangers, money is like hen's teeth, very scarce.

We can speak for all a cordial welcome who come west to get a home in this part of Sunny Kansas.

We would like to say a few words on the seed question. If the merchants of Dodge City are willing to follow the encouragement that they are giving, with substantial aid, why could they not let the farmer have grain to plant and sow, and return it in the fall with more for the use of it? This is merely a thought that came to our mind, and we would like to help settle the important question, for we are sure something ought to be done.

AN INTERESTED READER.

WILBURN.

Nice weather nearly all past week and this week again.

Preaching last Sunday morning by the M. E. Pastor.

M. W. and C. P. Brown went to Minneola last week.

Mr. Mulkey, from Meade Center, was in town last week and made arrangements to bring his family to Wilburn to live. They arrived Tuesday.

Mrs. J. C. Johnston and children have gone to Arlington, Kans. to visit Mr. Johnston's parents.

Miss Lulu Coffey gave a young folks' party last Wednesday evening. A load of young folks went from Wilburn. All report a splendid time.

A small attendance at literary Saturday, owing to change in the weather. Mrs. Gossel's literary paper was enjoyed by those who heard it. Next Saturday we have debate on the question Resolved, that woman now have a legal right to vote.

A small blaze at the restaurant one day last week. Was put out before much damage was done.

The nice weather makes all happy who have nothing to do, and the farmers also, because they can prepare their land for seed.

Mr. Mulkey gave us a very good sermon at the Wilburn school house last Sunday evening.

C. P. Brown and L. P. Horton went to Minneola Tuesday of last week.

A committee from Wilburn are to meet some of the citizens of Minneola at that place next Friday to discuss railroad matters.

W. A. Cline is a rustler when it comes to selling real estate.

The corpse of a man that was shot in Beaver City last week, passed through town Saturday.

W. S. Brown left Tuesday morning on a trip through Col. Hope we will hear of his speedy return.

A little rain last Saturday, which was very good as far as it goes, but it took cold a little too quick.

W. A. Cline's mother is making him a short visit.

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